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Dear Mr. Fraser:

Thank you for your letter of January last August regarding Raoul Wallenberg.

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4 about my testimony

I appreciate the fact that you and the other members of the Wallenberg Committee of Greater Philadelphia have devoted so much of your attention and efforts to publicizing the tragic case of Raoul Wallenberg. No one shares your commitment more than I do.

I regret that you found my testimony "unacceptable." We would all like to believe that Mr. Wallenberg is still alive. Unfortunately, there is no recent convincing evidence that Mr. Wallenberg has survived 38 years in the notoriously brutal Soviet Gulag; nor is there convincing evidence that he has in fact died, other than the unsupported statements of the Soviet authorities. What we are left with is a tragic mystery, one that calls out for a solution.

We are dedicated to solving this mystery. We have rejected as inadequate the sole explanation that the Soviets proffer. We continue with our efforts, both public and private, to convince the Soviets to account for Mr. Wallenberg's fate. If Wallenberg is still alive, he must be released forthwith. If he is dead, the Soviet Union owes the world a clear and convincing explanation of exactly what happened to him.

Concerning your specific proposals, I cannot comment publicly on the issue of prisoner exchanges. This is a highly sensitive topic and any initiatives we decide to undertake can be compromised by premature publicity. Finally, the proposed presidential directive you mentioned is under consideration. The ultimate decision on this matter rests with the President.

Sincerely yours,

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